How To Use The Floodplain Map

For additional information

Follow these step by step instructions to find out what the preliminary maps say about your property. If you have questions, you may contact the Stormwater Management Office at 268-4498 or by email at rbatchman@wichita.gov and we will be happy to assist you.

Begin by going to the City of Wichita's website at www.wichita.gov and follow the instructions below to view the preliminary maps.

- On the home page at the top of the page find the tab labeled *Government* then hover until you find the bullet labeled *Public Works & Utilities* and click:

- After clicking on the link, you will be directed to the *Public Works & Utilities* home page, it should look like this.
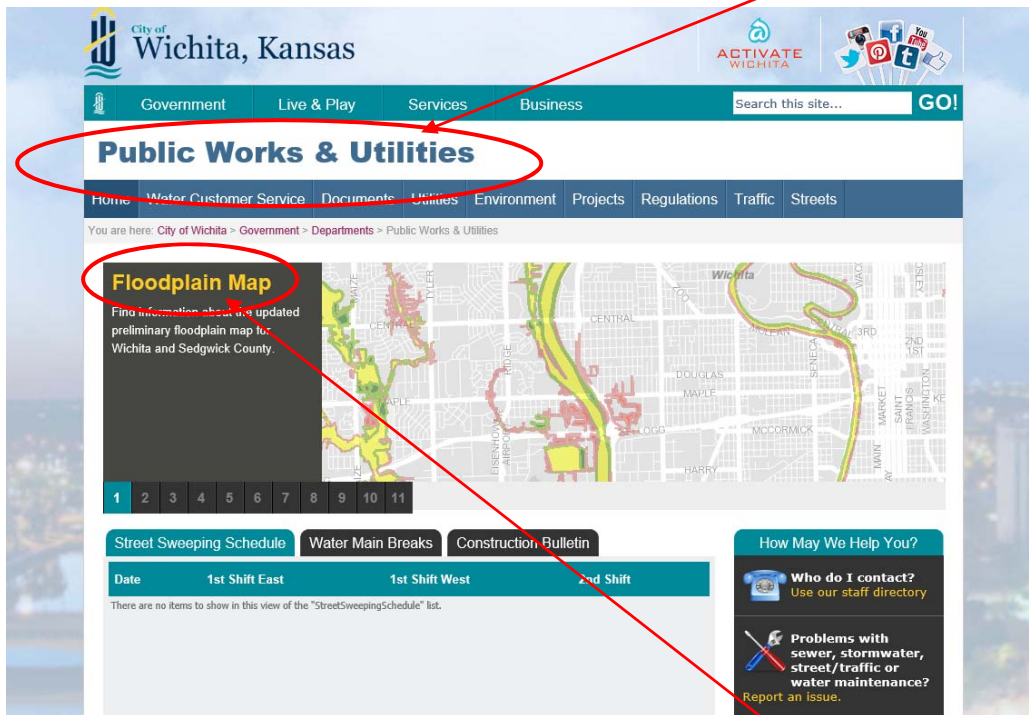

- In the scrolling banner click the highlighted link labeled *Floodplain Map.* That link should open to the *Floodplain Maps* page and should look like this.
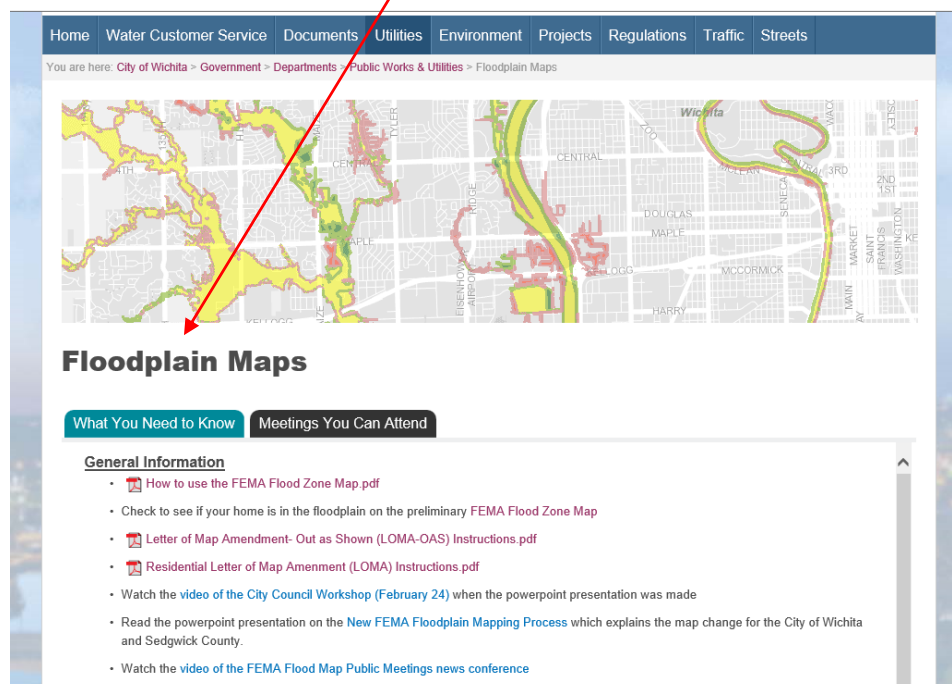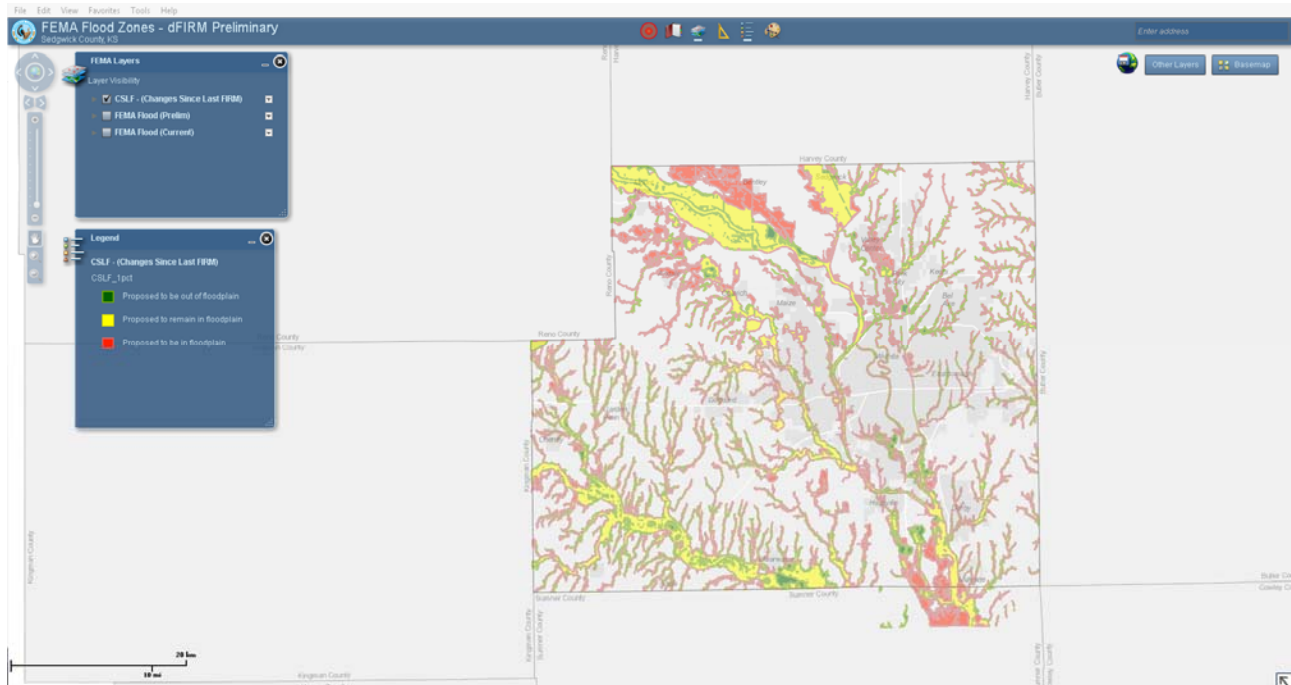
- To begin searching the map for an address click the link labeled *FEMA Flood Zone Map* on the second bullet under General Information.
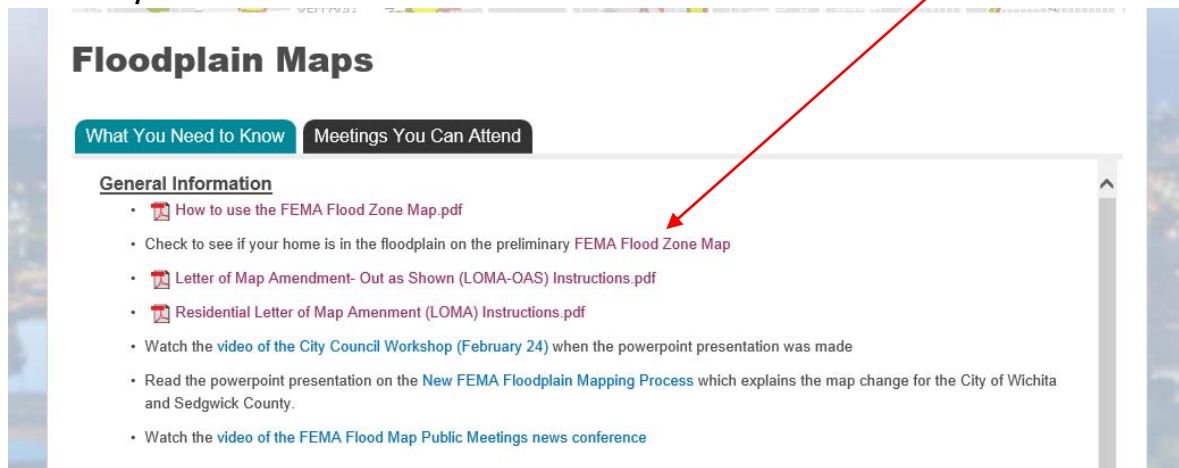
- When the page opens, it should look like this. On this page you will find a message, click *Agree* to proceed with viewing the maps.
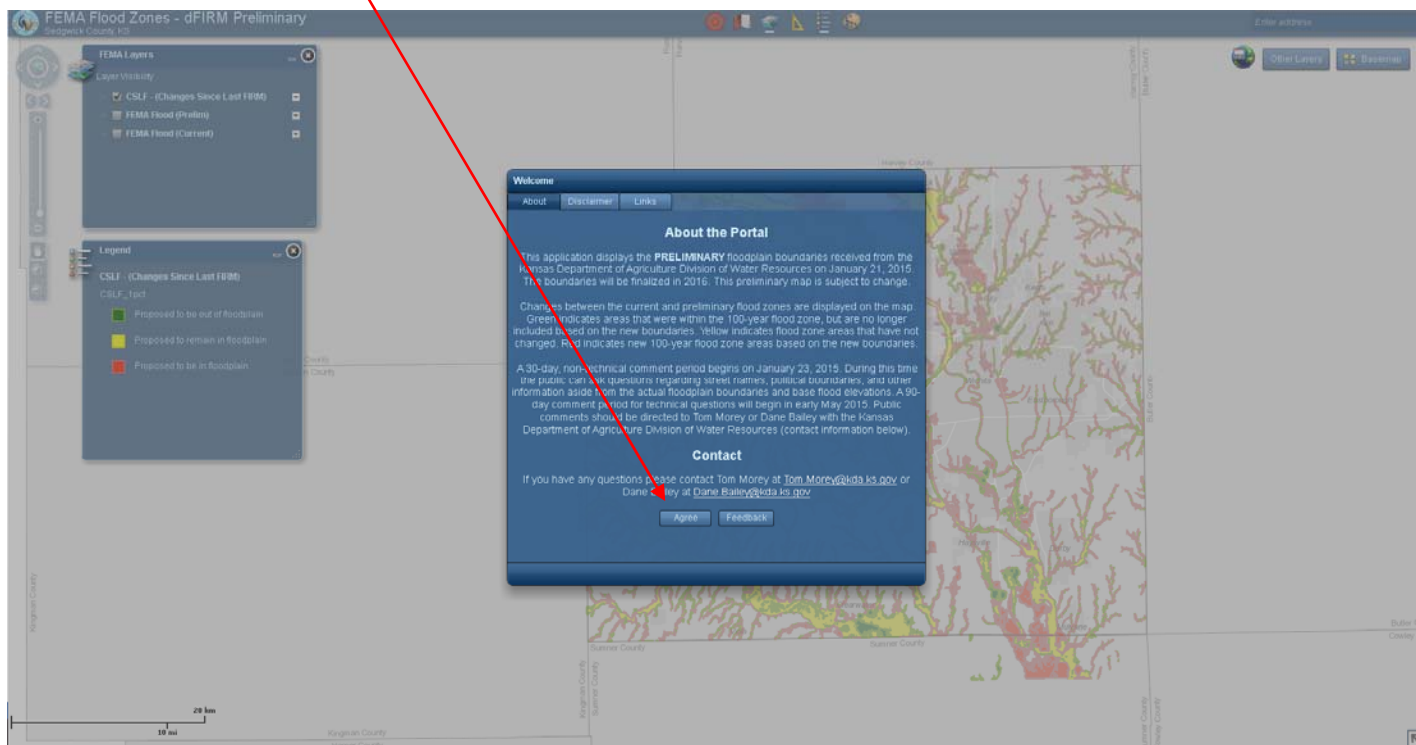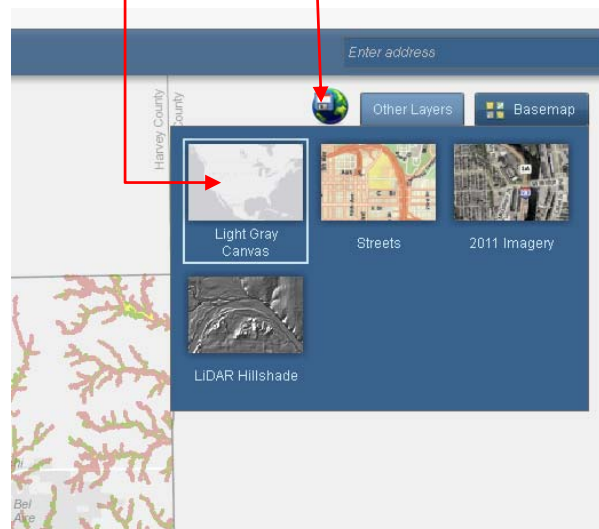
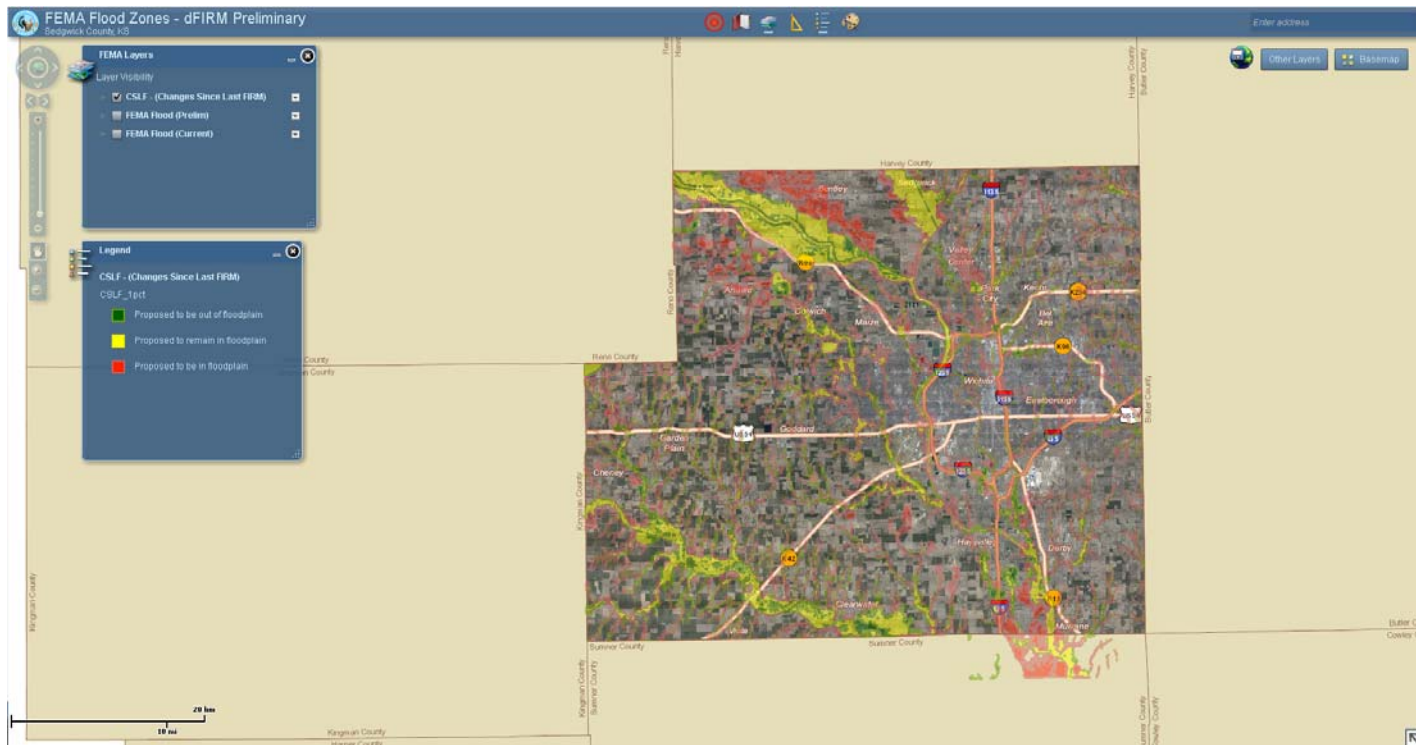- After you click *Agree,* the page should look like this.

- To set the map up for viewing, in the upper right corner find the tab that reads *Basemap* and click on *2011 Imagery*, this will load the map:
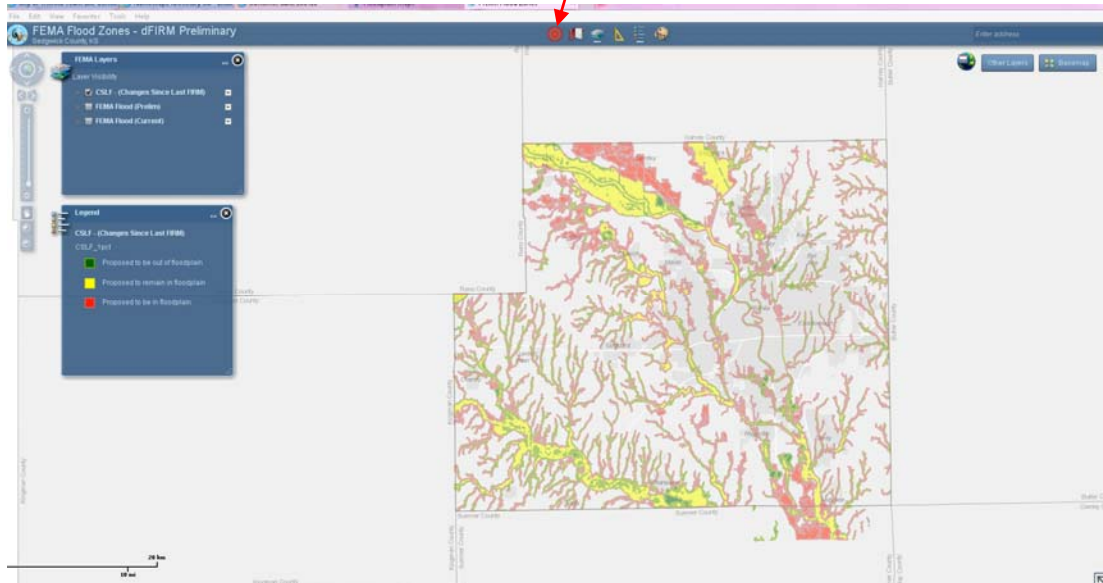 - ◆ *Basemap*
  - ◆ *2011 Imagery*

- After the map loads, it should look like this.
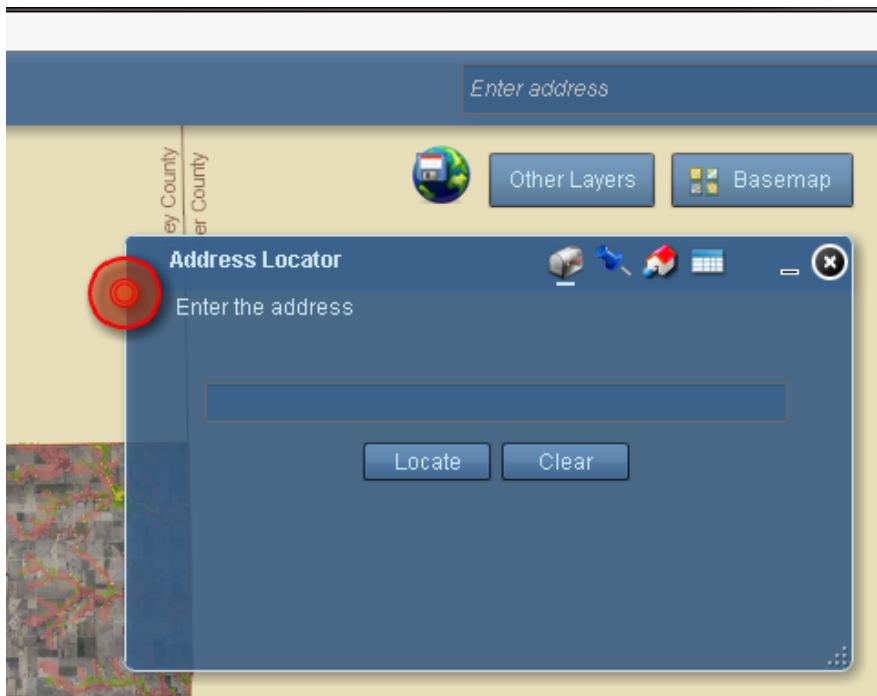

There are two ways to find an address 1) Manually use your mouse and wheel to pan and zoom to the property of interest, or 2) Automatically.

- To begin finding an address automatically, find the red circle in the upper bar of the page and click, this is the *Address Locator*.

- The *Address Locator* will appear on the screen and will look like this:

- Enter an address and click locate.

- The page should load like this. To view the location closer, click inside the box on *Zoom to*. That will bring the map view closer for easier viewing. You can also use the wheel on the mouse to zoom in or out on the map. By holding down the left button on the mouse you can pan around the map and move it.
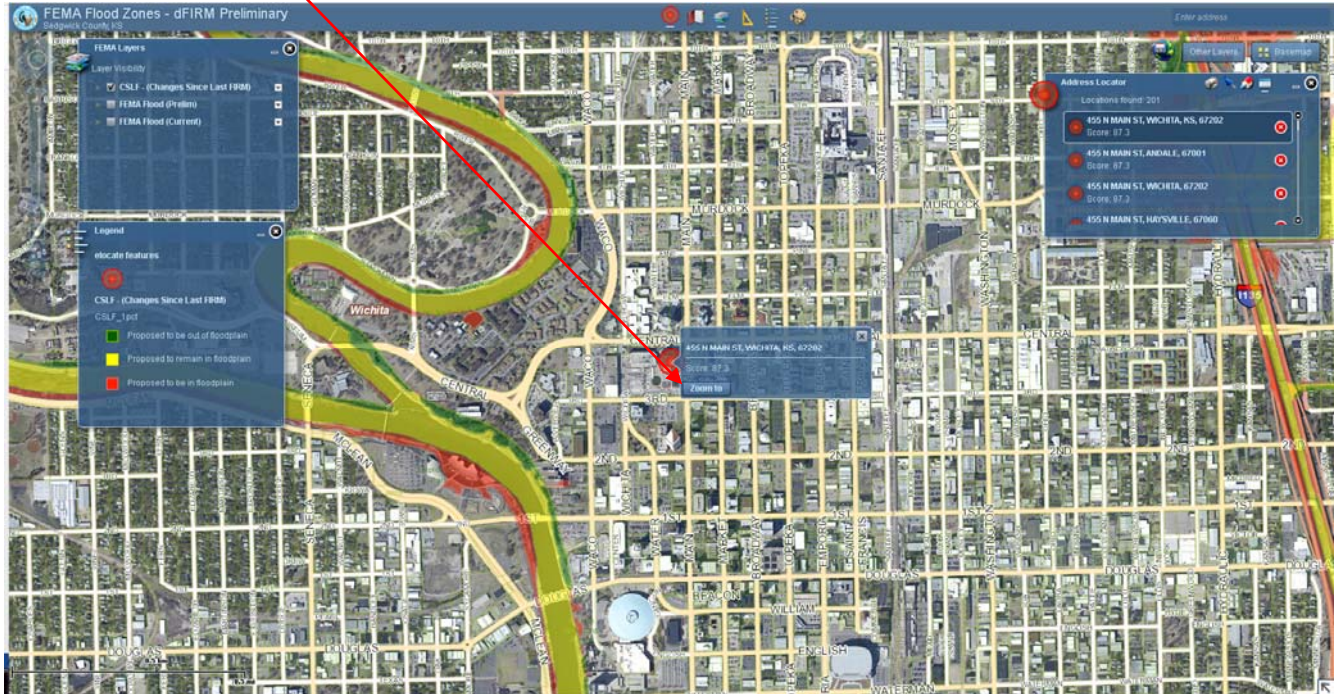
To remove any of the boxes that are open, click on the X in the corner of the box and they will go away.

- Example of closer view
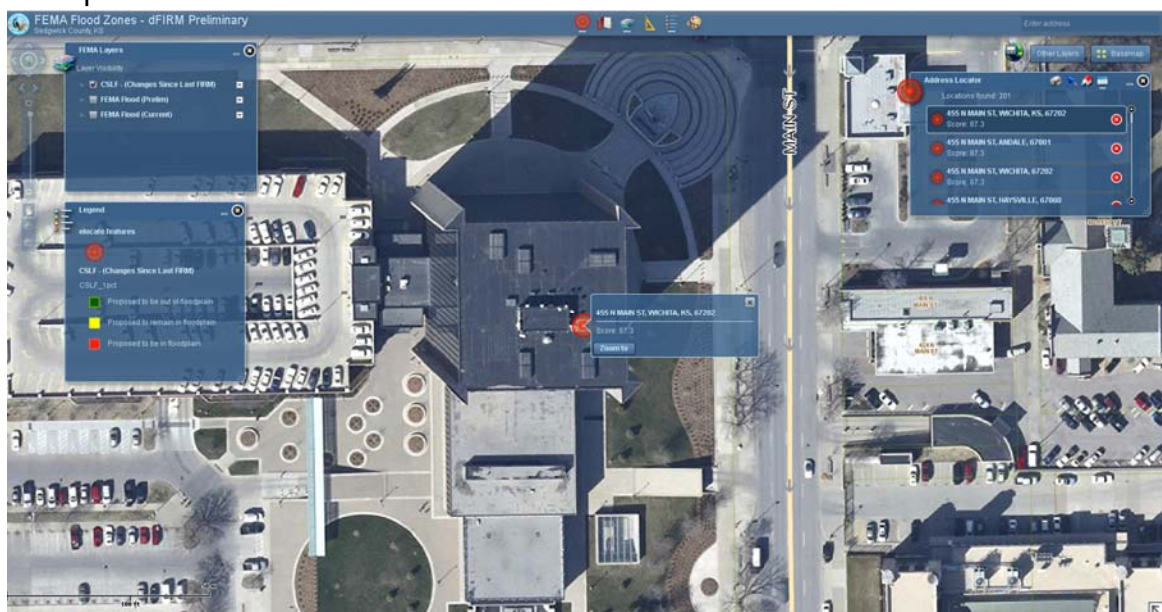
- To determine if a subject address will be in, out, or remain the same on the preliminary maps, view the legend. In the example above this property is out of the floodplain on the preliminary maps and was not in the floodplain on the current effective maps. To understand the legend see the screen print below.

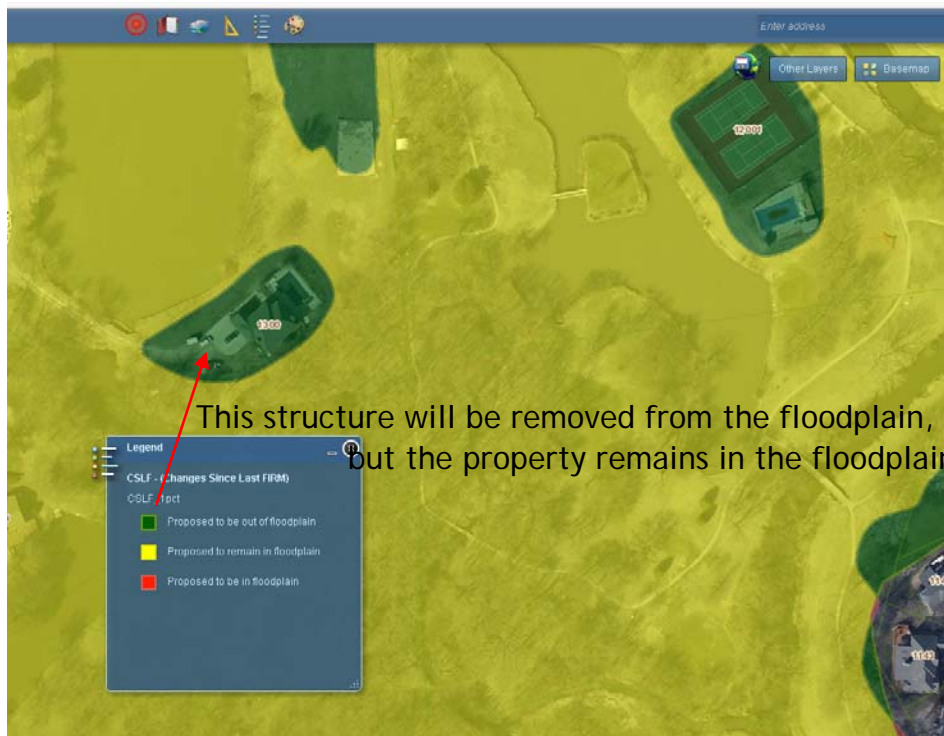**Green** – Property/Structure is removed of the floodplain

Yellow – Property/Structure remains in the floodplain

Red – Property/Structure will be added to the floodplain

No color – Property/Structure not in green, yellow, or red indicates that the property/structure is not in an existing floodplain and will not be in the proposed floodplain.

See the examples below of what you may see while looking up a subject address.

Examples

This structure will be removed from the floodplain, but the property remains in the floodplain

Examples Cont'd

These properties and structures will remain in the floodplain

These properties will be added to the floodplain but the structures are out of the floodplain

These structures and properties will be added to the floodplain

Examples Cont'd

These structures and properties will be added to the floodplain
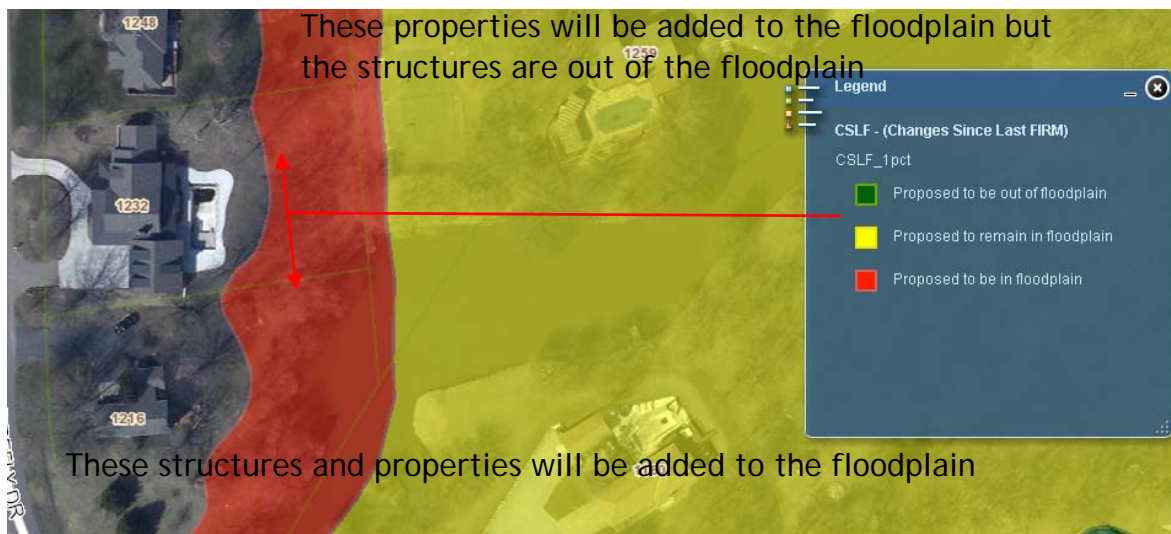
Helpful web links

You can visit the city's web site and find these links or type these links into your web browser to get additional information.

Flood Insurance Questions: https://www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/

Information about the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP): https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program

Learn more about the Flood Insurance Manual: https://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance-manual